

# BREEDS OF PEACEBUNNY ISLAND



## Dutch

This compact 4.5-pound rabbit breed has glossy fur and a white triangle blaze down the middle of its face. It has a dark contrasting color that skips the shoulder area, which is white, then continues from midsection to feet. With a sweet disposition, it's a top pick for a pet.

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## American and Beveren

These rare heritage Blue breeds have long lines like a Flemish giant but average nine-plus pounds. Their sideview is mandolin shaped, with a low shoulder and a high rounded hip. The American albino has red eyes, while blue-eyed Beverens have longer, softer white fur and larger V-carried ears.

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## Flemish Giant

These gentle giants from Flanders are patient and docile, but they require more space and feed. They are several feet long, with proportionately large ears and feet and a mandolin shape. Some giants can maintain a healthy weight of more than twenty pounds and take longer than other breeds to mature.

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## Netherland Dwarf

These one- to two-pound rabbits are tiny, chunky rabbits with very short ears that almost look like triangles sitting on top their heads. Because of their small, shortened, rounded skulls, their faces appear almost puggish. They are a pet favorite because of their size and fun, zippy personality.

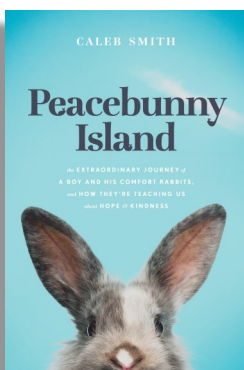
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## Hotot and Dwarf Hotot

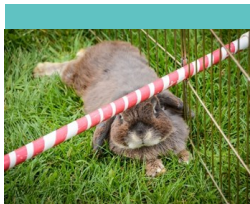
This rare heritage breed originated in Hotot, France (pronounced "oh-tote"). Its eight-plus-pound muscular frame has lustrous all-white fur with a thin black eyeliner ring. Mixing a Netherland Dwarf with a Hotot developed a new dwarf breed with coloring of the Hotot. An Hotot rabbit with any black fur marking *other than* the eye-bands is called a "sport."

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## Holland Lop

These muscular, petite rabbits weigh less than four pounds and have distinctive ears that hang down to their chins. A hybrid of a French lop and a Netherland Dwarf, these are pet favorites, with their sweet faces, a wide variety of colors and patterns, and zippy personalities that make them perfect for agility courses.

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## Lionhead

As the name implies, this three-pound breed has a wool mane that encircles its head like a male lion's mane. This breed carries its head high with two short, wide triangle-shaped ears jetting through the mane. The compact body has short hair, and some have a wool "skirt" near the tush.

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## Angora

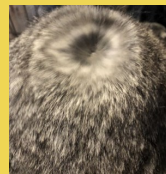
This Turkish rabbit is one of the oldest heritage breeds, known for its long, luxurious wool that grows an inch per month. Variations include weight, color, and fur types (from super thin, soft strands to full and sturdy fur for easier spinning into yarn). Some have trimmings like ear tufts/tassels, short facial hair, or completely covered eyes.

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## American Chinchilla

With ten to twelve pounds of muscle, this heavyweight rare heritage breed is known for its gorgeous gray fur that resembles the completely unrelated rodent, the chinchilla. When you blow on its fur, you see what looks like a target because each fur strand has five color bands of gray, white, and black.



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## Silver Fox

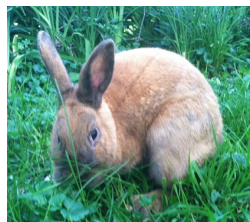
This super gentle breed has black fur with silver tips that closely resembles its namesake, the silver fox. It weighs nearly twelve pounds, and its fur stands up when stroked until it's stroked back the other way. With diminished demand for its fur, it is now a rare heritage breed.

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## Cinnamon

Named for its distinct rusty/ground-cinnamon coloring, this ten-pound breed was developed through cross-breeding in the USA. It has very erect ears, smoky gray sides, and an underbelly with an orange under-color and gray ticking. You'll spy a small circle around each eye and a butterfly pattern on the nose.

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## Silver Marten

An unexpected offspring or sport came from lines that included Chinchilla and Tan breeds but was registered as its own breed in 1927 and is now extremely rare. With soft but polished looking fur, it has a dark body with a lighter underbelly, a petite face, and a runner's body.

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## Harlequin

This rare French rabbit's distinct pattern includes five to seven bands or bars, often black and orange or black and white. The face is split like a chessboard, with the black ear, colored face, and black foot on one side and the other as a checkered image. Ideally, adults weigh around eight pounds.

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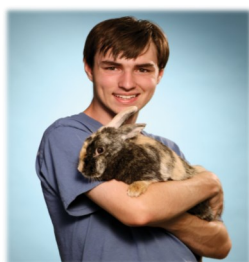
## Mini Rex

The eight- to ten-pound Rex breed came from France and is known for its soft, velvety fur that was originally seen as just a genetic mutation but soon recognized as a desirable trait. Its dwarf variety, developed in the US, is equally lustrous and plush but averages only four pounds.

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**Caleb Smith** is the 16-year-old visionary behind Peacebunny Island, an animal sanctuary where he trains rescued and rare heritage-breed rabbits to become comfort animals. His business includes a fostering program that has involved nearly 500 families; a Peacebunny Unit, which brings therapy rabbits to visit seniors at assisted-living homes and hospices; and a responder program that helps people who are dealing with loneliness, trauma, and grief, including those in crisis situations and juvenile justice facilities.

Caleb launched the Peacebunny Foundation, which hosts rabbit-themed STEM educational programs to excite youth about science, technology, engineering, and math and to mobilize them for community service. He is the recipient of the Gold Congressional Award and the Duke of Edinburgh's International Award. He lives in Minneapolis, Minnesota, with his mom and dad, and he cares for a colony of rabbits at Peacebunny Cottage.